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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS HELICOPTER PROJECT

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1. RE PARA 2 REFTEL, HELI-ORIENT (ANGLO-THAI CORPORATION) IS AUTHORIZED BELL SERVICE FACILITY IN SINGAPORE AND HAS BELL REPRESENTATIVES ON STAFF. FIRM HAS LIMITED SPARE PARTS AND MAJOR OVERHAUL CAPABILITY. HAWKER-DEHAVILLAND IN LIDCOMBE AUSTRALIA HAS LYCOMING T-53 ENGINE OVERHAUL CAPABILITY. WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT PROCUREMENT OF SPARE PARTS AND OVERHAUL CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH FMS, BUT WE AGAIN SUGGEST THAT IT MAY BE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO BURMESE, IN TERMS OF COSTS AND TURN-AROUND, TO ORDER BELL 205A-1 PARTS AND OVERHAUL SERVICES DIRECTLY FROM BELL OR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES IN SINGAPORE/AUSTRALIA.

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2. RE PARA 3 REFTEL, COMPLETE SET OF TECHNICAL MANUALS

FOR BELL 205A-1 POUCHES TO DAO ON JULY 25. ANOTHER SET WILL BE PROVIDED WITH EACH AIRCRAFT AND BELL WILL AUTOMATICALLY SEND REVISIONS. UH-1H AND 205A-1 MODELS ARE SIMILAR BUT SOME SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS DIFFER. THEREFORE, MANUALS ARE NOT COMPLETELY INTERCHANGEABLE.

3. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, WE ARE ADVISED THAT ARGONARC WELDING CAPABILITY CAN BE USED FOR PURPOSE INTENDED.

4. RE PARA 5 REFTTEL ON PILOT TRAINING, WE PLAN TO HAVE INSTRUCTOR/TEST PILOT AND MAINTENANCE REPRESENTATIVE IN COUNTRY CONCURRENT WITH DELIVERY OF AIRCRAFT AS LINE ITEM IN PIO/C. WE THINK, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE DISTINCT ADVANTAGES OF HAVING PILOT TRANSITION TRAINING CONDUCTED ONLY IN BURMA, RATHER THAN IN US, TO AVOID NECESSITY FOR RE-CURRENCY TRAINING AFTER AIRCRAFT ARRIVE. REQUIRED 7-10 HOURS TRANSITION TRAINING WILL ENTAIL ONLY FEW WEEKS TIME AFTER AIRCRAFT ARE REASSEMBLED ANYWAY. THUS USE OF EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTOR/TEST PILOT IN BURMA ONLY MAY BE MOST EFFICIENT WAY OF PROVIDING NECESSARY PILOT TRAINING. YOUR VIEWS WOULD BE APPRECIATED ON THIS POINT. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT ALL MAINTENANCE TRAINING SHOULD, AS PLANNED, BE CONDUCTED IN U.S.

5. IN PREPARING CONTRACTS WITH BELL FOR THAI NARCOTICS PROGRAM, WE HAVE JUST BEEN TOLD THAT PRODUCTION OF NEXT FIVE HELICOPTERS WILL BE COMPLETED DURING LAST QUARTER OF CY 75. ASKED ABOUT PRODUCTION SCHEDULE FOR ANOTHER SIX, WE WERE GIVEN FIRST QUARTER CY 76 AS TIME FRAME. THUS, UNLESS COMMITMENTS ON AIRCRAFT COMING OFF PRODUCTION LINE CAN BE CHANGED, BAF HELICOPTERS WILL NOT BE DELIVERED FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER 18-20 MONTHS. THIS SITUATION DRAMATIZES NEED FOR EARLY PREPARATION OF PIO/C. KISSINGER

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